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 Also attached: New Drawing Sheet for Figs. 3 and 4

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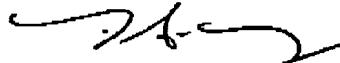
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